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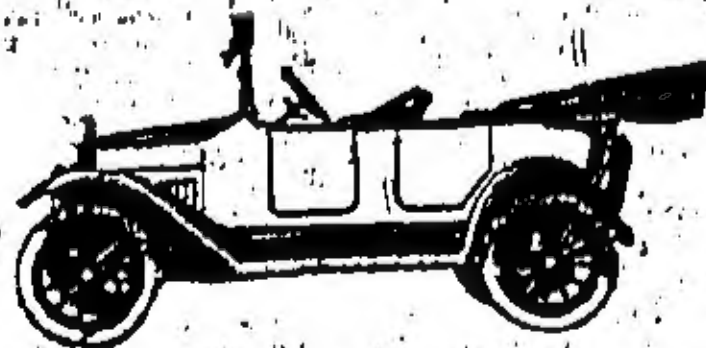
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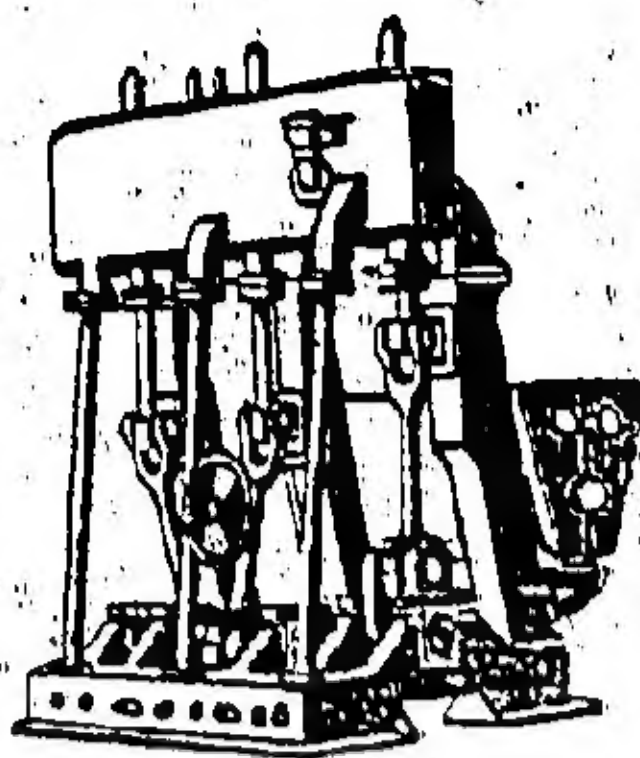
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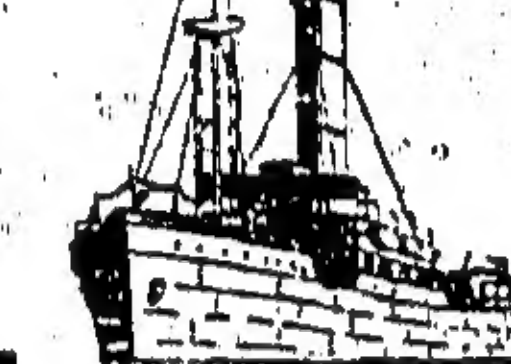
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### GERMANS UNAVAILINGLY ATTACK FRENCH POSITIONS.

SERVICES CAPTURED BY AMERICANS.

NUMEROUS ENEMY RAIDS.

London, July 31.  
4.10 p.m.

A French communiqué states:—  
After a strong bombardment, the Germans attacked our new positions east of Oulchy-le-Château. We repulsed the assault and maintained the lines intact.

On the right bank of the Ourcq there were lively engagements north-east of Fere-en-Tardenois.

The village of Seringes passed from hand to hand and was finally carried by an American counter-attack.

Numerous enemy raids near Mesnil St. George's, east of Montdidier, Bois-le-Prete, on the right of the Meuse and the Vosges were unsuccessful.

We made a raid north-east of Perthes-le-Hurlus and brought back prisoners.

### ARTILLERY ACTIONS ON WHOLE FRONT.

FRUITLESS ENEMY RAIDS.

London, Aug. 1.  
12.20 a.m.

A French communiqué states:—  
There were artillery actions on the whole of the battle-front.

Between Montdidier and the Oise an enemy raid north of Antheuil was without result.

### SEVERAL ENEMY ATTACKS BROKEN.

FRENCH AND AMERICANS PUSHING FORWARD.

[REUTER-HAVAS SERVICE.]

Paris, July 31.

The German resistance is gradually losing its character. In the rear-guard defence, the enemy unceasingly throws numerous fresh Divisions, attempting to slacken our advance, and it seems that he is endeavouring to establish a solid line held by the bulk of his forces.

Despite this, the French and American forces are pushing forward north-east in the direction of Fismes and have within the last 24 hours met several strong German counter-attacks and broken them, and hurled the attackers back to their starting point and beyond.

In the Rheims region the Germans endeavoured to remove the danger of having their left flank turned by attacking strongly at Ste. Euphrasie. The enemy failed to storm this valuable support point and had to content himself with creeping up slightly towards the village.

As the result of a converging movement, which is being carried out by the French and American troops, who are advancing from Fere and by General Berthelot's forces, who are moving up the Aisne, the foe is gradually being squeezed in another bridge, which the Allies have created for him.

### BRITISH CAPTURES ON WESTERN FRONT.

ABOUT 14,500 SINCE MARCH 21.

London, July 31.

In the House of Commons, Mr. J. L. Macpherson (Under-Secretary to the War Office) stated that since March 21st the British had captured about 14,500 prisoners on the Western Front.

### THE BRITISH FRONT.

#### HOSTILE ARTILLERY FIRING.

London, Aug. 1.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—  
There was hostile artillery firing to the south-west of Albert and to the east of Rebecq.

#### GOOD AERIAL WORK.

London, Aug. 1.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, states:—  
We dropped over 11 tons of bombs on enemy sidings and dumps. More enemy machines were encountered.

We brought down 15 machines and drove down six out of control. Six British machines are missing.

Our night-fliers dropped 31 tons of bombs in addition to those already reported.

Our infantry shot down an enemy machine on July 20th.

#### THE ITALIAN FRONT.

##### AUSTRIAN ATTACK REPULSED.

London, July 31.

An Italian official report states:—  
We completely repulsed a strong attack against Corgone.

##### NAVAL AERIAL ATTACK ON POLA.

###### SUBMARINE AND AVIATION STATIONS BOMBED.

London, July 31.

An Italian Naval official report states:—  
On the Upper Adriatic our Air Service early in the morning of the 30th bombarded military and harbour works at Pola in a strong attack which lasted for two hours, with most important results. Several serious fires were observed, especially in localities with submarine and aviation stations.

All our machines safely returned.

#### QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

##### NO PEACE PROPOSALS FROM ENEMY.

London, July 31.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. H. B. Lees-Smith (Liberal M.P. for Northampton), Mr. Balfour stated that no enemy Government had approached the Government regarding peace.

##### THE BOMBING OF HOSPITALS BY GERMANS.

Mr. Macpherson (Under-Secretary to the War Office), replying to a question regarding the German Government's attempt to justify the bombing of the Etaples hospital on the night of May 19th on the ground that the Red Cross was not shown, said that he was satisfied that the Red Cross was shown then. Anyhow, hospitals were bombed on the night of May 19th, although photographs in German newspapers showed that the Red Cross was displayed on them on May 27th.

##### THE QUESTION OF PREFERENCE.

###### NOT CONSIDERED BY WAR CONFERENCE OR CABINET.

London, Aug. 1.

Sir Robert Borden, speaking at the Savoy Hotel, declared that neither the Imperial War Cabinet nor the War Conference this year considered the question of Preference. The recent announcement on the matter was made on behalf of the British Government as a statement of domestic policy.

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By Order of the Board,  
W. E. ROBERTS,  
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Hongkong, July 29, 1918. 625

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## OBJECT OF THE WAR IN MESOPOTAMIA.

INDIA BEING DEFENDED AT BAGDAD.

GENERAL MARSHALL'S PLANS TO FOIL THE ENEMY.

[By Major-General Sir Frederick Maude.]

While we are waiting for developments in the West there is time to turn our eyes to the East. It would be foolish to reopen the story of our first ventures and early failures in Mesopotamia, present interest centres in what we are doing there now. Speaking in the House of Lords on April 9, Lord Curzon said: "We are an Eastern as well as a Western Power and the pillars of our dominions are planted at Delhi and Cairo no less than in these islands. We were drawn into the Mesopotamian campaign by the necessities of Imperial defence." That means that we are defending India at Bagdad.

The Germans have suffered no more grievous illusion in this war than the one which arose from their belief that our Empire was a rotten tree, the branches of which would fall at the first storm. They looked particularly to South Africa, Egypt and India for troubles which would cause us grave embarrassment, and in fact, expected, and prepared to assist, the outbreak of open revolt in all three. The splendid and unwavering loyalty of our Dominions and Dependencies has brought these hopes to nothing as much as have the successes of our arms in the more distant theatres of war.

COLLAPSE OF RUSSIAN BARRELS. Yet as regards the enemy's attempts on India, we have had and still have our anxieties. Before Maude entered Bagdad, and by joining hands with the Russians, established an effective barrier against the enemy's attempts to penetrate further East, German agents and bands under German leadership had entered Persia freely, reached the frontiers of India, and even penetrated Afghanistan, whence they were turned back by our loyal friend the Amir. With the collapse of Russia the barrier established on the frontier of Persia broke down, and the road to Turkish and German ambitions was again open.

What have we been doing to meet this menace? Maude's policy after he entered Bagdad was to use his central position to strike out right, left, and centre, at the enemy, as he got his chance. In a country in great part desert the enemy's lines of advance are limited to the water-ways, which converge on Bagdad; the Diale coming down from the north-east and the Euphrates from the north-west. With lines of railway running up each of these river valleys from Bagdad, we have been able to strike swiftly and successfully against an enemy who, without railways and with deserts to traverse, cannot readily transfer his forces from one river line to another. It is told of Forrest, the Confederate cavalry leader in the American Civil War, that he was asked by a lady for the secret of his success in the war, and he replied, "Ma'am, I got there first, with the most

depots we have destroyed and fill them up with the necessary food, stores and munitions, a slow and tedious business when he is dependent upon river-borne traffic.

More important for our immediate purpose, these successes will certainly have an effect in Persia, where wavering may well have begun to doubt whether the collapse of Russia had not brought with it as great a menace to our position in the East as it has to that in the West.

The hot weather which is now setting in, forms as effective a bar to active military operations as the winter and in Flanders, and neither the Turk nor the German like it more than our own men. It, therefore, will not be surprising if we do not hear much from this part of the world for some time. Not the least of the advantages we have gained by our recent efforts is that we have occupied a portion of the Persian foothills which give us healthier country for summering our troops than the plains of Bagdad can afford.

By a series of rapid and successful blows, which have resulted in the capture of more than 1,200 prisoners and twelve guns, he has practically annihilated the Second Turkish Division, which was on the Persian frontier to the north-east of Bagdad. We have occupied Kirkuk, with its valuable coal mines, and have moved on through Kirkuk to the Lesser Zab at the point where the road to Mosul crosses that river some 80 miles south-east of the latter town.

NOT WEATHER SEASON. We now learn that our cavalry have advanced up the Tigris to the rapids of Fatha, 130 miles north of Bagdad, about 10 miles below the junction of the Tigris and the Lesser Zab. We have by these successes cleared a wide circle round Bagdad. Before attacking us in force, the enemy, being without railways, must re-establish the advance

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The prohibition in Germany of any celebration of the Karl Marx centenary tomorrow will hardly disturb the repose of the author of "Das Kapital," for he left the land of his birth—though not of his race—after the abortive revolution of 1848, and made his home during the most fruitful years of his literary labours in London. It was in the hospitable reading-room of the British Museum that he wrote what has become the Socialist bible, returning to eat and sleep in two dingy rooms in Dean-street, Soho, shared by a wife who claimed descent from one of the noblest families of Scotland.

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any newspaper proprietor or editor, any powerful trade union leader. We are fairly clear ourselves that it is the popular belief in a compilation of this kind that has been exaggerated by Mr. BILLING and his friends into the suggestion that every name in it is labelled with possibilities of blackmail, and that these accusations are necessarily true because some German spy has made them. At any rate that seems the only conceivable explanation short of sheer "fantastical invention." Now there was no popular belief in the existence of such a book before this trial took place, and the existence of such a book is not, in fact, essential to the purpose which we conceive the Germans who deluded Mr. BILLING and his friends had in view. It would be sufficient for a German propagandist to set in motion the story that such a book had been compiled.

What strikes us on reading the evidence given on this subject is that Mr. BILLING and his friends have become the willing and unconscious dupes of the German propagandist invidiously working for the destruction of that public confidence in the propriety of our public men which must necessarily be the mainstay of the national moral in a supreme crisis like the present. It was very similar propaganda to this which proved so successful in bringing about the collapse of Russia, and this fact should suffice to put the British public upon its guard against these Machiavellian designs. Every person competent to express an opinion on the subject will agree that neither in public patriotism nor in private morals has England cause to fear comparison with any country in the world, and while there exists in every community and every nation a certain class of people ready to lend an ear to any suspicion that may be breathed against any prominent personage, we believe that the general sense of the nation will see in this venomous attempt to blacken the character of our public men and women the work of the German serpent invidiously endeavouring to bring about such a weakening of the confidence of the public in its leaders as would facilitate a "peace" such as Germany was by the same means able to drive with a disunited Russia.

## WEDDING.

MAY RANDALL.

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at St. John's Cathedral, today, the contracting parties being Miss Olive Mae Randall, late of the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, and eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Knight Randall of London; and Mr. George Howard May, fifth son of the late Mr. Charles Benjamin May and Mrs. May, of Marlborough, Wiltshire; the Rev. V. H. Corbally officiating. The bridegroom is a well-known and respected resident of the Far East and has been for many years manager of Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, Ltd. The bride, who was given away by Mr. N. L. Raitton, looked charming in a gown of cream. French hand-embroidered net with "picture" hat of cream and black crepe. Mr. J. B. Moore Mead carried out the duties of best man. Later in the day the happy couple left for Macao where the honeymoon is being spent.

## THE LATE MR. P. A. LOADER.

The death took place, early yesterday morning of Mr. P. A. Loader, of the mechanical engineering staff of Messrs. Alex. Ross & Co. Mr. Loader had undergone operations for hernia, and after returning to his home, pleurisy developed, followed by pneumonia. He was then taken to St. Paul's Hospital at Caneway Bay and appeared to be progressing favourably, but at 4 o'clock on Thursday morning he died. Mr. Loader was an Englishman who came here from the Philippines Islands to join Messrs. Alex. Ross & Co. about two years ago and was held in high regard by his firm. He leaves a widow, to whom general sympathy will be extended.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

One fatal case of plague and two fatal cases of enteric fever were notified in the Colony yesterday.

A steamship which has been named the "War Drummer" is to be launched at Kowloon Dock on Saturday, the 10th inst.

The Manila Observatory gives warning of a cyclone or typhoon near or over the northern Ladrones or Mariana Islands, direction unknown.

The first Legation that the Greek Government has ever established in the East is reported, the country being Japan. On 20th May, King Alexander signed a royal decree establishing a Legation in the city of Tokyo.

The following is from the "Nagasaki Press": "We are requested to state that all male British subjects between the ages of eighteen and forty-one years, residing in the Prefecture of Saga, Nagasaki, Kumamoto, Miyazaki, Kagoshima, and Okinawa, who have not already registered for military service, are invited to communicate with the Acting British Consul at Nagasaki."

The Far Eastern Olympiad will be held in Manila in July, 1919, and preliminary plans were considered at a meeting held by the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation. The plans discussed were those pertaining to the management of the games, and committees are being formed to handle this important matter. The authorities of the Federation are bending all efforts to make the Far Eastern meet a successful event.

Tokyo is soon to have its "tube" of underground railway. The plans provide for a "tube" railway fifty feet beneath the surface, at an estimated cost of ¥2,400,000 a mile, which is 75 per cent. more than the cost of the underground railway in Paris or ¥1,030,000 more than the cost of the London railway. The scheme is to be undertaken as a joint-stock enterprise, in which Baron Shibusawa is reported to be interested.

H. E. The Governor has expressed his intention of being present at the 11 o'clock service at St. John's Cathedral on Sunday next, the fourth anniversary of the declaration of War. So, too, has H. E. Major-General Ventris. The collections are to be given to the Church Army Huts, which play so indispensable a part in the life of our soldiers at the Front. Singapore contributed no less than ten of these tents; but this is the first appeal which has been made for them here.

Mr. Arthur Sowerby, the naturalist and explorer, who has just returned to London from his recent adventures in China to take up a commission with the Chinese coolie battalion on the Western front, belongs to an ancient Border family of scientists and artists who have—like the Darwins, Hookers, and Henslows—furnished devotees to botanical research for several generations. The 12 big volumes of "English Botany," still a standard work after 40 years, were mainly the work of the Sowerbys, though the popular portion, describing the favourite flowers of the countryside, was written by the mother of Sir E. Ray Lankester.

"Three Boys in Blue" from one of H. B. M.'s ships have sent the following note of appreciation to the European population of Ningpo:—"Just a word to you all from my two comrades and myself in appreciation of the great kindness and welcome shown to us during our stay at Ningpo on the sick list and we send our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the way you have made our time at Ningpo so pleasant. I am sure my two comrades agree with me in saying that through the kind attention, care, and doctoring shown to us by Doctor Suggs, the dear Sisters of Charity at the Catholic Mission Hospital, and also our self-appointed nurse, Miss Wadman, who so kindly sent us so many pleasant luxuries and dainties, we made a more speedy recovery from our sickness than expected. When we reflect how the little we have done in this great war is so fully appreciated, it gives us new heart and energy to go forth and fight the good fight for civilization in whatever way we may be detailed, and in concluding we sincerely hope you will all have many happy moments in thoughts of how you made our stay at Ningpo one of a life-long happy recollection to us."

## THE MAGISTRACY.

### CINEMA HOUSES PROSECUTED.

#### AN INTERESTING CHARGE.

The manager of the Hongkong Cinematograph Theatre were charged this morning before Mr. J. R. Wood with permitting the use of a cinematograph construction which was not constructed and operated in a box constructed of sheet iron of less than 1/10th of an inch in thickness and which was not lined with asbestos.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D.S.P. (R.), appeared for the prosecution; Mr. M. K. Lo for the defendant.

Mr. Lo said that in this case there was a technical offence and, no doubt, an infringement of the regulations did take place. He wished to plead not guilty as he was obliged to call for certain evidence, which would show his Worship that the summons should not have been brought. The building was inspected by the Public Works Department periodically to see that it fulfilled requirements as a place for the exhibition of cinemas, and also two Police Reservists were paid \$2 a night for the purpose of seeing that the order was carried out.

His Worship remarked that, according to the defendants, it would mean that although the offence had been going on, the P. W. D. had never drawn attention to it.

Mr. Lo said that it was so. Inspection had been going on for quite a number of years by the P. W. D.

Mr. Jenkin gave evidence to the effect that he visited the places and found that they had contravened Regulation 558 of the Theatres Ordinance. The stuff was very inflammable.

Mr. Lo:—Have you any authority from the Governor to go to these places for inspection?

Mr. Jenkin:—If Mr. Lo means "express" authority, no.

Mr. Jenkin said that, according to the Ordinance, being a Police officer, he considered that he was authorised to inspect the building.

Mr. Lo: Mr. Jenkin, may I refer you to section 5 of the Theatres Ordinance. The Government makes an entry for the following purposes: "entry and inspection during performance of a special play or at any time by the Director of Public Works, the Captain Superintendent of Police or any other official authorised by the Governor on his behalf."

Mr. Jenkin said that according to the regulations he was authorised by the Governor. He referred Mr. Lo to another section, which contained the words "any other Police officer."

Mr. Lo: Are you aware that the building is licensed by the P. W. D. under the Theatre regulations?—I am. In this case the license has not been adhered to and I am taking these proceedings. Can you tell me in what respect the license has not been adhered to?—In the license you are required to adhere to regulations made under the Theatres Ordinance.

Mr. Lo submitted that there was no question of a technical offence on the face of the license, which only referred to accommodation, the provision of water, etc.

Mr. Eldridge, Staff Inspector, Police Reserve, said that the operation room of the Hongkong Theatre was in the first floor. The floor was apparently constructed of concrete. There was an iron ladder leading down to the ground floor. There was no door. The only escape was by a stairway. The room was 9 feet by 18 to 20 feet. There were a number of boxes containing the personal effects of the men employed.

Mr. Jenkin said he introduced this evidence to show that inflammable material was there.

Mr. Li Wing Kae, the proprietor of the Hongkong Theatre, said the building had been considerably altered and made suitable for a cinema. It had been approved by the P. W. D. His attention was not drawn to the necessity of having a box made of sheet iron; he did not know there was such a regulation and it was not specified in the license.

Mr. Lo said that if Mr. Jenkin had gone to the theatre as an unauthorised person in a private individual capacity it was dangerous inasmuch as any person could then make frivolous charges.

His Worship said that Mr. Jenkin went to the theatre as a bona fide Police Officer.

Mr. Lo then pressed the question of the suitability of the building which was passed by the Public Works Department.

His Worship reserved judgment till Friday, the 9th at 11 a.m.

A charge was also brought against the management of the Victoria Theatre for failing to keep two buckets of water and a wet blanket immediately outside the box containing the cinematograph on the night of July 27th.

Judgment in this case was also reserved.

## EMPIRE THEATRE PROSECUTED.

The proprietor of the Empire Theatre was prosecuted for not renewing his license in time. Mr. H. G. Gardner, who appeared for the defence, said that the

license expired on June 30. Defendant was quite new in the business and did not know English. His client was also charged for failing to keep two buckets of water and a wet blanket immediately outside the box containing cinematograph instruments during the time that the performance was going on.

Defendant said that the reason why he did not apply for the license on the 30th was because it was a Sunday and the 1st was a Bank Holiday. He made his application on the 2nd. The same was not granted because he had not complied with the requirements of the building authorities contained in their letter of April 30th, sent to Mr. Clarke, the architect. The applicant, it appears, applied for certain alterations to be made to his theatre and the P. W. D. wrote to Mr. Clarke requiring a hydrant to be constructed as a condition of the license being granted. The theatre was closed down on August 1st.

His Worship reserved judgment. We understand that permission has now been granted for the continuance of the performances.

## A HEAVY PENALTY.

Wong Chiu, a Chinese merchant, was charged before Mr. Wolfe this morning with exporting old iron without having it examined by a Revenue Officer before exporting it, which was one of the conditions of the license, thus infringing the regulations.

Defendant explained that the offence was an oversight owing to pressure of work.

The Magistrate enquired of Mr. Tratman, who prosecuted, whether defendant was a large exporter of old iron.

Mr. Tratman replied that he did not think he was, but he certainly was a large general exporter. In this case 608 pounds of old iron were exported. The penalty was \$10,000, but he would not ask for such a heavy fine. The value of the stuff that was exported was \$1,700, and it contained cast-iron. If it had been all cast iron it would be worth \$1,000. He did not suggest this was so. Mr. Tratman explained that certain iron was not allowed to be exported.

His Worship fined defendant \$750.

## PUBLIC HOUSE PROSECUTED.

The owner of a public house in Canton Road was summoned before Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe this morning for doing business beyond the limited time.

An Indian constable stated that when he passed defendant's shop at 1 o'clock at night he saw a crowd assembled there, taking their meals.

Defendant strenuously denied the offence and said his shop closed regularly at 11 p.m.

Inspector Gordon stated it was evident that defendant's shop was open up to one o'clock as all rickshaw coolies generally went into the public house at 12.30 p.m. after they had finished the day's work.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$5, or in default two weeks' hard labour.

## LARCENY OF IRON.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe this morning, with the larceny of a crowbar valued at \$12, from the workshop of Sang Lee & Co.

Inspector Brazil stated that an Indian Sergeant met defendant in Kowloon City Road carrying the iron, and questioned him. As the answer defendant gave was unsatisfactory he arrested him. In the charge room defendant made a statement that he got the iron from Wansai, and subsequently the foreman of the Sang Lee Co. arrived and identified it as his Company's property.

Defendant said he intended to use the iron as a lever in loading stones in Kowloon City. He was formerly employed by the Company.

The Magistrate imposed a penalty of \$7 or two weeks' hard labour.

## SHANGHAI CRICKET PLAYERS.

### PRESENTATION TO MR. W. C. D. TURNER.

Before the departure of Mr. W. C. D. Turner, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, on transfer to Dairen, the members of the Shanghai Cricket Club gathered together between the innings of a match—in the Ten Tent—to attend the presentation to Mr. Turner of a very handsome and costly silver casket. The ceremony was performed by Captain E. L. M. Barrett who, in a short but appropriate speech, asked Mr. Turner's acceptance of the souvenir as a slight token of appreciation and high esteem in which he was held by his Club associates. He had endeared himself to them in many ways, steered them to victory in the capacity of Captain and would leave a gap in their ranks which could never properly be replaced. Mr. Turner, who was visibly affected by this manifestation of affection and goodwill, in a few chosen words, thanked the members most sincerely for their kind gift, and assured them that it would constantly remind him of "happy memories in their midst and on the playing field."

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### A CORRECTION.

[To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL"]

Sir,—I regret that in my evidence before the General Military Service Tribunal I should have inadvertently made a statement which has given the impression that Mr. W. Gardner of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., is not an engineer. That this is not the case his credentials fully establish. While making this statement I should like to add that he is also an old and valued servant of the Company.—I am, yours faithfully,

W. ADAMSON.

Hongkong, 2nd August, 1918.

## THE "TAISHAN" UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP.

Under the heading, "Finest River Boat Now Flies Five-Barred Flag," the Shanghai Gazette of July 25th has the following:—

At the end of the French Band alongside the wharf lies the *Taishan*, one of the finest river steamers ever seen in Shanghai and the first vessel to be transferred from British to Chinese registry since 1914. The *Taishan* was built in 1913 to the order of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steam Boat Co. by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. Her principal measurements are as follows: length over all 290 feet, 53 feet Beam, Draft 10 feet.

Two screw engines developing 3,700 horse power drive her at a rate of 14 knots, the steam for which is generated in four boilers each of which carries a pressure of 180 pounds to the square inch. The vessel's gross tonnage is 2,000. The steamer has accommodation for 40 foreign passengers first class, and a like number of first-class Chinese can be carried, while the number that can be transported as deck passengers is 1,400. The dining saloon, enameled in white and gold and fitted with both ceiling and wall fans, is certainly the equal in beauty of any ship that touches this port, while the accommodation for passengers on a par with the regal fittings of the saloon.

The *Taishan* arrived on Sunday from Hongkong under command of Captain Angstadt. Owing to some contemplated radical changes that may be made in the vessel, it is intended to take her on a trial trip tomorrow at 8 a.m. down to Wooning and run her, using two boilers only over a measured three-mile course. The present owners have not yet decided on what run their magnificent white vessel will be placed.

The *Taishan* recently has been purchased by the Ning Shin Steamship Co., Ltd., at a cost of \$50,000 Hongkong dollars. This vessel is believed to be the very first ship transferred from the British to the Chinese flag since the war commenced, an event which happened one week ago last Sunday in Hongkong and that alone would render the ship of more than passing interest.

## THE TROUBLES IN SHANGHAI.

The Shanghai Mercury of July 25th has the following comment on the recent disturbances:—

The unfortunate incidents which occurred in Hongkong on Friday night and Saturday morning serve to emphasize the formidable difficulties in the government of Shanghai, where so many different races and so many differing interests. It is to be hoped that good sense will prevail, especially among the Allies, and that prejudices will not be allowed to cause hasty generalisations or decisions. Nothing would please the enemy better than to see bad feeling among the Allies anywhere. Race prejudice and pride are a constant source of friction, and no doubt the underlying cause of the disturbances is racial. Racial questions must be considered in dealing with the preservation of peace and order in Shanghai. It must be remembered that a very large section of the population are Japanese and that a large section of the Japanese are living amongst and in many ways competing with the Chinese. It would seem, in view of the preponderance of Japanese in the community, and the fact that they must be dealt with as foreigners and not as Chinese, that the number of Japanese police is ridiculously inadequate. The question of the arming of the Chinese police should also be carefully considered in view of Friday night's happenings. In view of the fact that there will probably be a very complete investigation into the matter we will make no attempt to apportion blame or criticise in any way officials or others. We will only express the hope that any inquiry that may take place will be wide and far-reaching, and that it will not be confined to matters of police discipline, but will take into consideration the whole question of the administration of the settlement, and that all sections of the community will be represented, so that the subject can be considered in all its aspects.

## STEAMER LAUNCHED AT SHANGHAI.

### FOR HONGKONG-CHINESE OWNERS.

The steamer *Shanghai* No. 2, 1,100 tons, owned by the Hongkong-Chinese (Shanghai) Agents, are Messrs. Moller & Company, Ltd., was successfully launched on Saturday. This is the second vessel of a similar type recently built by the Kiangnan Dock & Engineering Works. The launching ceremony was performed by Mrs. Ericoller, the steamer gracefully taking the water. She was towed by the tugboat, which wore the machinery of the launch and the vessel completed.



## TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

## GERMAN FIELD-MARSHAL ASSASSINATED.

## SENSATIONAL INCIDENT AT KIEFF. PLOT OF SOCIAL REVOLUTIONARIES.

AMSTERDAM, July 31. An official report from Kieff, dated yesterday, states:—  
When at two o'clock in the afternoon Field-Marshal von Eichenhorn and his Adjutant, Captain von Driesche, were returning from Casino near Field-Marshal von Eichenhorn's house, a man drove closely past them in a cab and threw a bomb. Both were very seriously wounded and subsequently died.

The assassin and cab-driver were arrested and the enquiry established that the crime originated from the Social Revolutionaries in Moscow.

## ALLIED ACTION IN RUSSIA.

## ITS OBJECTS EXPLAINED.

## THE MAINTENANCE OF RUSSIAN SOVEREIGNTY.

LONDON, July 31. Reuter is informed that the object of the Allies' action in Russia is to assist the Czechoslovak Army and to prevent any danger to them from Germany, and also to prevent, at any cost, the Germanisation of any portion of Russia.

The Allies have not the slightest intention of doing anything tending to their territorial aggrandisement. Their main purpose is the maintenance of Russian Sovereignty. "Not a single Allied soldier will remain in Russia when these objects are attained."

## CHOLERA RAGING IN PETROGRAD.

AMSTERDAM, July 31. A message from Kovno states that cholera in Petrograd is continually increasing. A hundred and seventy cases were recorded on July 29th and 240 on July 29th.

## ALLIED FOOD CONTROLLERS.

## TO STUDY FOOD SUPPLY PROGRAMMES.

LONDON, July 31. The Food Bureau states:—  
The Food Controllers of Great Britain, France, Italy and America have appointed a permanent committee to study the food supply programmes and co-ordinate their regarding the available shipping.

## TRAGIC DEATH OF BRITISH PEER.

## VERDICT OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

LONDON, July 31. At the inquest into the death of Lord Lichfield, who was found in the river near his Staffordshire residence with a gunshot wound, the verdict was accidental death, due to a gunshot wound while duck-shooting.

## SHANGHAI AND THE WAR.

## BRILLIANT PIECE OF WORK BY SHANGHAI MAN.

Lieut. T. Bowley Evans mentioned in the appended paragraph is a son of the late Mr. P. B. Evans, late of the Public Works Department, and Engineer, S.V.O.—  
"Extract from Northern Command Orders by General Sir A. A. Barrett, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., A.D.C., Commanding Hongkong, 15th March, 1918. The General Officer Commanding Northern Command records with pleasure the following incident which occurred on the 4th February, 1918:—A new squad of Bombers was being put through individual practice when a bomb failed to clear the top of the trench in which were Captain C. E. N. Bremner, M.C., and Lieutenant T. B. Evans, both of the 29th Punjab, a non-commissioned officer and a Sepoy. The bomb, with burning fuse, slowly rolled down the inside of the parapet, was caught by Lieutenant Evans and thrown outside the trench, where it immediately burst.  
There can be no doubt that Lieut. Evans, by his prompt and gallant action, saved the lives of those in the trench, and his conduct is worthy of the highest commendation."

## TEETHING CHILDREN.

TEETHING children have more or less diarrhoea, which can be controlled by giving Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. All that is necessary is to give the prescribed dose after each operation of the bowels more than natural, and then castor-oil to cleanse the system. It is safe and sure. Even the most severe and dangerous cases are quickly cured by it. For sale by all Chemists and Grocers.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE FRENCH OFFENSIVE.

## BRITISH DIVISIONS FIGHT BRILLIANTLY.

LONDON, July 31. Correspondents with the French armies state that the attack on the front Ouchy-le-Chateau-Grand Rozoy-Bette-Chalmont was carried out by British and French Divisions.  
The British, according to a French Staff Officer, bore the hardest part of the work and fought brilliantly, storming the line of heights beyond Rozoy and advancing over the open ground sloping gradually to the enemy's positions, through a terrific fire.

## AMERICAN POSITIONS IMPROVED.

LONDON, July 31. An American official message says:—  
We repulsed counter-attacks, after severe fighting, on the Ourcq, and improved our positions.

## MUCH NEEDED CAPTURE BY ALLIES.

LONDON, July 31. Reuter's Correspondent at American Headquarters, telegraphing on Tuesday evening, says:—  
Bette Chalmont has been the centre of the enemy's resistance on the west front, and its capture by the Allies brings the much needed assistance to the flank of the American line at Serres. It will be certainly costly to take the Forest of Noyes, but there are alternative possibilities in the open ground west of the railway now that Bette Chalmont is in our hands. Against that must be set the fact that the Germans still hold both flanks of the salient.

It is still impossible to estimate the enemy's enormous losses in munitions. The forest roads are bordered with shells for miles and dumps, covering acres, piled to the height of a man have been discovered.  
The enemy is still reorganising.

## ENEMY BUSILY REORGANISING.

PARIS, July 31. A semi-official message says:—  
The Allies, north of the Marne, are no longer facing isolated rear-guards, but a continuous line of resistance defended by considerable forces. Five fresh enemy divisions were identified yesterday, including some of the best.  
The enemy is undoubtedly busily reorganising his rear and has not lost hope of revenge either on this front or elsewhere.

## NEW GREAT BATTLE ANTICIPATED.

## PARIS, July 31.

Experts agree that the present hard fighting is merely the prelude to a new great battle.  
The enemy is striving most desperately to consolidate his front on both wings.

## A GERMAN FORECAST.

AMSTERDAM, July 31. The Westfälische Zeitung's expert is of opinion that General Foch will renew his attacks with the object of forcing a decision.

## SUCCESSFUL RAIDS ON BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, July 31. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—  
We captured prisoners in successful raids and patrol encounters in the neighbourhoods of Lens and Bethune and on the northern sector of our front. We drove off raiders southward of La Bassée.  
The enemy's artillery was active astride the Somme, about the Merris and Kemmel sectors.

## THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, July 29. The Silver Market is quiet.

## STATE PURCHASE OF DRINK TRADE.

State purchases may sharply divide the ranks of the temperance party, says the Daily Chronicle. "One wing is inexorably opposed; another is favourable; the centre seems conditionally friendly." It is possible that the centre party may coalesce with those who welcome the proposal, if safeguards are guaranteed. A fear of the centre appears to be that the ultimate scheme may become one of municipalisation, that towns may be induced to exploit drink on the plea that the greater the profit from alcohol the larger the amount available for the reduction of rates.  
The general position recalls that in which friends of the slaves found themselves when the final abolition of bondage in the British Empire was proposed in 1833. The Abolitionists were determined that no compensation should be paid to slave-owning planters, and besought their leader, Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton, to secure the defeat of the Bill. He, however, held that by including the compensation clause they were likely to secure the good will and co-operation of the planters, and he was right. We paid the planters 20 millions for the redemption of their slaves, and have never regretted the price.

## SIAM AND THE WAR.

## ROYAL PROCLAMATION.

On July 22nd, being the anniversary of Siam's declaration of war against Germany and Austria-Hungary, His Majesty the King of Siam issued a proclamation of which the following is a translation:—  
To My Subjects,  
On the 22nd of July, in the 2400th year of our Lord the Buddha, I declared war against Germany and Austria-Hungary, who have violated in a most barbarous manner every principle of right and justice between nations. This step was taken because the Siamese, being a nation which believe in the Holy Buddhist Religion, hold right to be above everything else; and the declaration of war thus met with the wishes of all Siamese. Not only that, but this participation in the war on the side of the Great Allies will also tend to ensure and strengthen the independence of the Kingdom of Siam, inasmuch as those Allied Powers have already declared that their object in carrying on this war is to uphold the independence of small nations and to maintain good relations between all nations whether weak or strong, in order that each may be able to pursue its own path of progress and the weak nations be free from all oppression on the part of the strong. This declaration meets with the most ardent wishes of the Siamese nation.

One year has now elapsed since Siam has entered into the war, and I am filled with the greatest pleasure in having observed the way in which everything has happened in accordance with my expectations, namely: the spirit of unity shown by all Siamese in their loyalty to His Majesty the King, in the patriotic love of their country; the manner in which every one has striven to maintain mutual friendship, and preserve peace and tranquillity; the manner in which every one has endeavoured to assist His Government, and the manner in which every one has offered their lives by volunteering to go out to fight together with the Allies in Europe, giving money to help in carrying on the war, and subscribing to the funds of the Red Cross Society of Siam, which is engaged in the work of securing the sick and saving the nation from disease and untimely death. On the other hand, the Allied Nations have also shown Siam much honour and have rendered every help and afforded every facility to the Siamese Government in the most kind and friendly manner.

In view of such a satisfactory state of things, I desire on this auspicious occasion of the anniversary of Siam's participation in the war, to remind every loyal subject of the Kingdom that the great war still continued with all vehemence, that the enemy is still making the greatest efforts to defeat the gallant armies of our Allies, that our own brave Siamese troops have already hastened to their help; and that therefore it behooves all Siamese who are remaining behind to do everything in their power to assist in the prosecution of the war.  
Every one who is serving in the Forces of the State should devote himself most diligently and strictly to the performance of his duties. Those who have the good fortune to go out and fight in the war, should strive to make the name of the Siamese nation known to the world as a nation of warriors, and those who have not such opportunity should endeavour to preserve peace and tranquillity within the country and to train themselves so as to be fit to fight whenever they may be called upon to do so.  
All persons in the Civil Service should endeavour to carry out their duties so as to produce the best results. They should endeavour to maintain peace and promote the welfare of the people, so that they may be able to pursue their livelihood with every facility and free from all trouble. Thus, will properly be vouchsafed to the State Motherland.

I ask all patriotic citizens to devote themselves to the honest pursuits of their livelihood and help to add to the wealth of the nation and of themselves. Together with those in the Government service, I ask all of you to do the every effort to assist in the war by preserving peace and tranquillity within the country by cultivating mutual friendship in order to show to the world that the Siamese nation is firmly united. I ask you also to send gifts to the Ministry of Finance to help in the prosecution of the war; to the Royal Navy League to help in procuring as soon as possible warships for the protection of the Siamese territorial waters and to the Red Cross Society of Siam to help in the work of succouring wounded soldiers and combating sickness among the people.  
Every Siamese should endeavour to do what has already been mentioned until victory shall be gained by the Great Alliance, that is to say also by our own Siamese nation. When that victory is achieved, it is certain that both honour and prosperity will accrue to our country and the independence of our beloved Siamese Nation will be firmly established for all time.

On the 22nd of this month I shall proceed to the Royal Temple to pay reverence to the Holy Image of the Emerald Buddha. Afterwards I shall proceed to the Pantheon, whereafter paying reverence to the Royal Statues of My Five August Predecessors. In company with all the Princesses of the Royal House and officers of State, I shall offer up an intercessory prayer, invoking the Holy Trinity and the Virtues of my August Ancestors to vouchsafe a speedy and glorious victory to all the nations which have joined in the Great Alliance, and that peace may again return to the world together with the stability and prosperity of all those nations and the Kingdom of Siam.  
I enjoin that on the same day all my subjects should also, like myself, pray to the Holy Trinity and the spirit of their ancestors to vouchsafe the blessing already mentioned.  
(M. E. RAMA VI.)  
22nd July, in the year of Our Lord 2461.

## HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

## Administrative Orders by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant.

ARTILLERY COMPANY.  
Members of the Artillery Company on passing the Tribunal under the Military Service Bill should apply in writing without delay if they wish to be enlisted in the Royal Artillery instead of Infantry.

TRANSFERS.  
Company Sergeant-Major F. L. Cooke is transferred from "B" Company to "A" Company, dated 1.8.18.  
No. 714 Pte. W. E. Cook, M. Gun Coy., is granted leave for the duration of the war, from 21.8.18.  
O.S.M. F. A. Bidden, Art. Coy., is granted 1 month's sick leave, from 20.7.18.  
P.R. Wolf, "B" Coy., is granted 3 weeks' sick leave from 14.8.18.  
Pte. C. H. Davis, M. Gun Coy., is granted 2 months' leave, on Medical Certificate, from 20.7.18.  
Pte. F. W. Gibbins, "A" Coy., is granted 1 month's leave, on urgent business, to date from day of departure.  
Pte. H. E. Pollock, "D" Coy., is granted 7 days' leave, from 23.8.18.  
Pte. H. E. Smith, Mounted Sec., is granted 6 months' extension of leave, from 22.7.18.  
Snr. A. W. Hurlew, Eng. Coy., is granted 3 months' leave, to date from day of departure.  
Pte. A. Macdonald, M. Gun Coy., is granted 3 weeks' leave, from 21.7.18.

CARE OF ARMS.  
Attention is directed to the procedure to be followed immediately after finishing firing on the Range each day, viz.:—  
(1) Reserve superficial fouling (pulled through to have no gauge).  
(2) Pour 3 or 4 pints of boiling water through the bore.  
(3) Thoroughly dry the bore, using clean flannel.  
(4) After the barrel has cooled, oil the bore. If the bore is oiled before it is cool it must be oiled again when it is cool.  
ANNUAL MUSKETRY COURSE.  
N.C.O.s and men of the Infantry Battalion who wish to fire at the Peak or King's Park Range in the morning will not attend at King's Park Range in the afternoon, when their units are detailed to do so.  
SQUAD ROLL BOARD.  
The Board will sit at Headquarters from 5.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the following dates:—  
FRIDAY, 9th August.  
MONDAY, 19th August.  
FRIDAY, 30th August.

Orders for Artillery Company by Capt. J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D.  
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PARADES AT BELCHEERS BATTERY.  
TUESDAY, 6th August:—  
7.30 a.m.—Right Half Co. New Layers Class only.  
8.30 p.m.—Left Half Co. Full drill.  
THURSDAY, 8th August:—  
8.30 p.m.—Left Half Co. New D.I.R.E. Class only.  
FRIDAY, 9th August:—  
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Orders for Engineer Company by Captain W. Russell.  
2nd to 5th August:—  
E. L. MANNING NIGHTLY.  
Parades as per rosters posted at Headquarters. Engine Drivers at 6.45 p.m. Electricians at 7 p.m.  
OFFICERS NEXT DUTY.  
Belchers, Captain Russell; Lyceum, Captain James; Stonecutters and Lieut. Brown.  
Instructions for higher ratings and N.C.O.s and men of the Infantry Battalion attached for duty:—  
Class 1, at Belchers at 8.30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays for all who have not passed the "Proficient" rate (1st) examination.  
Class 2, at Belchers at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays for all N.C.O.s and men of higher ratings, under Staff Sergeants Orendene and Parsons, R.E., and Sergeant Day, R.E.D.C.  
Class 3, at Lyceum at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, under Staff Sergeants Barclay and White, R.E., and Sergeant Williams, R.E.D.C.  
(4) Detail of Belchers' Reliefs for August and detail of duties at Lyceum from 1st to 16th August inclusive are posted at Headquarters for information of all concerned.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.  
PARADES.  
"A" Company.  
TUESDAY, August 6th:—  
6.15 p.m. No. 2 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musket Course, Part 1, Practices 1 and 2.  
The following will attend:—Corpl. Edgcombe, L. Corpl. Perry and Brown, Sers. Dyer, Ball, Scobie, Sutherland, Williamson, A. E. Wood, Chapman, Digby, Kent, Lancaster, Wells, Wilson and H. M. Webb. Dress, drill order with pouches.  
WEDNESDAY, 7th August:—  
6.15 p.m. No. 1 and 2 Sections at King's Park Range Annual Musket Course, Part 1, Practices 1 and 2. Dress, drill order with pouches.  
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FRIDAY, 9th August:—  
6.15 p.m. No. 1 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musket Course, Part 1, Practices 1 and 2. Dress, drill order with pouches.  
6.15 p.m. No. 3 and 4 Platoons at Headquarters, T.E.T. Dress, drill order with pouches.

TUESDAY, 6th August:—  
6.30 p.m. No. 3 Platoon at Cricket Club. Instruction in T.E.T. Dress, drill order with pouches.  
6.30 p.m. No. 6 Platoon at Headquarters. Instruction in T.E.T. Dress, drill order with pouches.  
6.30 p.m. Platoon on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at Cricket Club at 8.10 p.m. and proceed by Tram to Causeway Bay. Instruction in T.E.T. Dress, drill order with pouches.  
6.30 p.m. No. 1 Platoon at Kowloon Docks. Instruction in T.E.T. Dress, drill order with pouches.

WAGONS COMPANY.  
TUESDAY, 6th August:—  
7.10 a.m. No. 3 Gun at Headquarters. Dress, drill order with rifles, two small pouches and 15 rounds dummy cartridges.  
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MOUNTED SECTION.  
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SIGNALLING SECTION.  
TUESDAY, August 6th:—  
5.30 p.m. Parade at Headquarters. Dress, clean fatigues.

RECRUITS.  
TUESDAY, 6th August:—  
5.30 p.m. All recruits except Ptes. W. A. Webb, D. Abbey and P. N. Chilvers at Kennedy Road Range. Grouping. Dress, drill order without rifles. Sergts. Edmonds and Meade will attend.  
FRIDAY, August 9th:—  
5.30 p.m. Recruits of all units except "D" Company on May Parade Ground under Sergts. Oxberry and Meade. Dress, drill order.

Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut. J. E. H. Board.  
PARADES.  
WEDNESDAY, 7th August:—  
6 p.m. Swimming. Fall in at Blake Pier.  
SATURDAY, August 10th:—  
1.30 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections fall in at Headquarters and proceed to Sai Wan.

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